Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for training sports skills for a game conducted on a playing surface that includes striking a game object away from an opponent comprising:

sequentially projecting a plurality of game objects toward one portion of said playing surface for striking by one or more players being trained; and

sequentially causing one or more simulated opponents to appear at one two or more locations on said playing surface in connection with projection of a game object to train said player to strike game objects away from an opponent;

wherein said one or more simulated opponents are controlled by a controller and wherein said method includes setting said controller to operate said one or more simulated opponents to simulate one or more players having a selected skill level.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (original): The method of training sports skills of claim 1 wherein said step of sequentially projecting a plurality of said game objects comprises a machine for sequentially projecting a plurality of game objects toward said one portion of said playing surface for striking by said one or more players being trained.

Claim 4 (original): The method of training sports skills of claim 1 wherein said game is selected from a group including ice hockey, soccer, tennis and volleyball.

Claim 5 (withdrawn): A method for training scoring skills for a game conducted on a playing surface that includes striking a game object past an opponent into a goal comprising:

movably positioning a simulated opponent goal defender in front of said goal on said playing surface while one or more players being trained advances said game object toward

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said goal to train said one or more players to strike said game object away from said
simulated opponent and into said goal.

Claim 6 (withdrawn): The method of training scoring skills of claim 5 wherein said step of
movably positioning said simulated goal defender includes sensing the location of said game
object and / or said one or more players to control movement of said simulated goal defender
into position to block an attempt to strike said game object into said goal.

Claim 7 (withdrawn): The method of training scoring skills of claim 5 wherein said game is
selected from the group of ice hockey and soccer.

Claim 8 (withdrawn): The method of training scoring skills of claim 5 wherein said method
includes sequentially projecting a plurality of game objects toward one portion of said
playing surface for striking by said one or more players being trained to provide said game
objects for said one or more players being trained to advance toward said goal and to attempt
to strike said game objects into said goal.

Claim 9 (withdrawn): The method of training scoring skills of claim 5 wherein one or more
simulated opponents are movably positioned adjacent said goal to simulate the play of a
goalie and/or a defender.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A method for training tennis skills of a tennis player comprising:
sequentially projecting a plurality of tennis balls toward one side of a tennis court for
return by said tennis player; and
sequentially causing one or more simulated opponents to appear at ~~one~~ two or more
locations on the opposite side of said tennis court in connection with projection of a tennis
ball to train said tennis player to return tennis balls away from an opponent thereby teaching
said tennis player to play the tennis court and training placement memory in the brain of said
tennis player in addition to training muscle memory by returning said tennis balls;

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wherein said one or more simulated opponents are controlled by a controller and wherein said method includes setting said controller to operate said one or more simulated opponents to simulate one or more tennis players having a selected skill level.

Claim 11 (original): The method of training tennis skills of claim 10 wherein said step of sequentially projecting a plurality of tennis balls comprises a trainer sequentially hitting a plurality of tennis balls toward said one side of a tennis court.

Claim 12 (canceled)

Claim 13 (currently amended): The method of training tennis skills of claim 10 wherein said step of sequentially projecting a plurality of tennis balls comprises one or more tennis ball machines projecting said plurality of tennis balls, and said step of sequentially projecting a plurality of tennis balls includes projecting said tennis balls in selected combinations of direction, speed, elevation and spin.

Claim 14 (canceled)

Claim 15 (currently amended): The method of training tennis skills of claim 14 10 wherein said step of operating said one or more simulated opponents comprises operating one or more simulated opponents to simulate one or two tennis players moving to a plurality of locations on the opposite side of the tennis court.

Claim 16 (original): The method of training tennis skills of claim 15 wherein said simulated opponents comprise a plurality of stationary simulated opponents located in selected locations on the opposite side of said tennis court and said step of operating said one or more simulated opponents comprises operating selected ones of said simulated opponents to cause an opponent to selectively appear at said one or more of said locations.

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Claim 17 (currently amended): The method of training tennis skills of claim 15 wherein said simulated opponents comprise one or more movable simulated opponents and said step of operating said one or more simulated opponents comprises operating selected ones of said simulated opponents to move said one or more simulated opponents to selectively appear at one-two or more of a plurality of locations on the opposite side of the tennis court.

Claim 18 (canceled)

Claim 19 (currently amended): The method of training tennis skills of claim 18-10 wherein said method includes setting said controller to simulate one or more of the following skill levels, grade school, high school, college, professional, recreational, singles and doubles.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The method of training tennis skills of claim 18-10 wherein said method includes setting said controller to simulate the play of one or more professional tennis players.

Claim 21 (withdrawn): A training device for developing scoring skills of players for a game conducted on a playing surface having a goal and including a game object to be struck or kicked into said goal to score comprising:

one or more simulated opponents arranged to selectively appear at one or more locations adjacent said goal on said playing surface;

an opponent control for operating said one or more simulated opponents to selectively appear at one or more locations in front of said goal as a player advances said game object toward said goal.

Claim 22 (withdrawn): The training device of claim 21 wherein said game is selected from the group of ice hockey and soccer.

Claim 23 (withdrawn): The training device of claim 21 wherein said training device includes one or more sensors on one or more of said game object, said player or said goal for

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determining the position of said game object and / or said player, and said opponent control operates said one or more simulated opponents based on the location of said game object and / or said player as said player advances said game object toward said goal.

Claim 24 (withdrawn):   The training device of claim 21 further including:

one or more game object machines are arranged to project a plurality of game objects toward one portion of said playing surface; and

a game object control for operating said one or more game object machines to sequentially project said plurality of said game objects.

Claim 25 (withdrawn):   A training device for developing game skills of players for a game conducted on a playing surface comprising:

one or more game object machines arranged to project a plurality of game objects toward one portion of said playing surface;

one or more simulated opponents arranged to selectively appear at one or more locations on said playing surface;

a game object control for operating said one or more game object machines to sequentially project said plurality of said game objects; and

an opponent control for operating said one or more simulated opponents to selectively appear at one or more locations on said playing surface in conjunction with projection of said plurality of game objects.

Claim 26 (withdrawn):   The training device of claim 25 wherein said game is tennis, said playing surface is a tennis court, and said one or more game object machines are one or more ball machines arranged to sequentially project a plurality of tennis balls toward one side of a tennis court.

Claim 27 (withdrawn):   The training device of claim 25 wherein said game object control is a remote control device to provide manual control of said one or more game object machines.

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Claim 28 (withdrawn): The training device of claim 25 wherein said opponent control is a remote control device to provide manual control of said one or more simulated opponents.

Claim 29 (withdrawn): The training device of claim 26 wherein said one or more ball machines are movable to a plurality of positions in operation and said game object control is arranged to control the location of said one or more ball machines and the sequential projection of tennis balls toward one side of said tennis court.

Claim 30 (withdrawn): The training device of claim 26 wherein said game object control and said opponent control are incorporated in a controller, and said controller can be programmed to operate said one or more ball machines to sequentially project a plurality of tennis balls in selected combinations of direction, speed, elevation and spin, and to operate said one or more simulated opponents to simulate one or more tennis players having a selected skill level.

Claim 31 (withdrawn): The training device of claim 30 wherein said controller includes a plurality of preprogrammed set of programs to simulate a plurality of skill levels.

Claim 32 (withdrawn): The training device of claim 26 wherein said one or more simulated opponents are positioned on the opposite side of said tennis court, and said one or more simulated opponents are arranged to selectively appear on the opposite side of said tennis court when operated by said opponent control.

Claim 33 (withdrawn): The training device of claim 32 wherein three simulated opponents are positioned along the service line and three simulated opponents are positioned along the base line of said opposite side of said tennis court.

Claim 34 (withdrawn): The training device of claim 25 wherein one or more of said simulated opponents are arranged to pop up to simulate an opponent when operated by said opponent controller.

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Claim 35 (withdrawn):   The training device of claim 34 wherein said one or more simulated

opponents are pivotally mounted to a base to pivot to a vertical position when operated by

said opponent controller.

Claim 36 (withdrawn):   The training device of claim 34 wherein said one or more simulated

opponents are arranged to be extended upward from a retracted position when operated by

said opponent controller.

Claim 37 (withdrawn):   The training device of claim 36 wherein said one or more simulated

opponents are arranged to be extended upwardly from a telescoped position.

Claim 38 (withdrawn):   The training device of claim 36 wherein said one or more simulated

opponents are coiled and are arranged to be extended upwardly by uncoiling.

Claim 39 (withdrawn):   The training device of claim 25 wherein one or more of said simulated

opponents are rotatable on a vertical axis and are arranged to rotate to a position facing said

one side of said playing surface and to rotate to a position facing the sideline of said playing

surface.

Claim 40 (withdrawn):   The training device of claim 25 wherein said one or more simulated

opponents are selectively movable by said opponent control to one or more locations on the

opposite said of said playing surface to simulate movement of an opponent.

Claim 41 (withdrawn):   The training device of claim 40 wherein said one or more simulated

opponents are movable side to side on the opposite side of said playing surface.

Claim 42 (withdrawn):   The training device of claim 41 wherein said game is tennis and one or

more simulated opponents are movably positioned along the service line and one or more

simulated opponents are movably positioned along the back line of the opposite side of said

tennis court.

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Claim 43 (withdrawn):   The training device of claim 40 wherein said one or more simulated
opponents are movable front to back on the opposite side of said playing surface.

Claim 44 (withdrawn):   The training device of claim 40 wherein said one or more simulated
opponents are movable side to side and front to back on the opposite side of said playing
surface.

Claim 45 (withdrawn):   The training device of claim 40 wherein said one or more simulated
opponents are movable on a track on the opposite side of said playing surface.

Claim 46 (withdrawn):   The training device of claim 40 wherein said one or more simulated
opponents are freely movable in any direction on the opposite side of said playing surface.

Claim 47 (withdrawn):   The training device of claim 40 wherein one or more of said simulated
opponents is a robot selectively movable to plurality of locations on the opposite side of said
playing surface.

Claim 48 (withdrawn):   The training device of claim 30 wherein said controller includes a card
reader for reading predetermined programs provided on one or more program cards to set
said controller to operate said one or more ball machines and said one or more simulated
opponents to simulate a predetermined tennis player skill level.

Claim 49 (withdrawn):   The training device of claim 30 wherein said controller includes a
selector to permit manual selection of one of a plurality of predetermined programs to set
said controller to operate said one or more ball machines and said one or more simulated
opponents to simulate the selected tennis player skill level.

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Claim 50 (withdrawn):   The training device of claim 25 further including a video recording

    device to record training sessions to document mistakes and to track progress of the players

    being trained.

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